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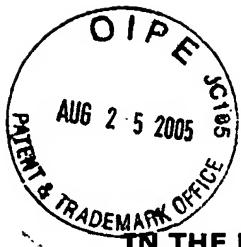
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Appln. No: 10/612,110  
Applicants: David J. Zarbatany et al.  
Filed: July 2, 2003  
Title: ENDOLUMINAL STENT HAVING A MATCHED STIFFNESS REGION AND/OR A STIFFNESS GRADIENT AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING STENT KINK RESISTANCE  
T.C./A.U.: 3731  
Examiner: Unknown  
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Docket No.: BSI-410US1

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- the filing of an Appeal Brief on \_\_\_\_\_. An Examiner's Answer was mailed on \_\_\_\_\_. A Reply to the Examiner's Answer was submitted on \_\_\_\_\_.  
 the mailing of Form PTOL-327 and/or Examiner's Amendment on \_\_\_\_\_.

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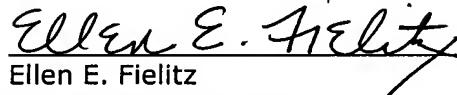
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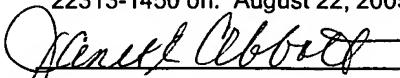
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